

FORMOSA STRAITS SITUATION

- I. Only unusual combat operations were two clashes between ChiCom and ChiNat jet fighters about 50 mi north of Matsu on 15 and 16 May. No damage to either side.
- A. Dogfights probably resulted from daily patrol flown by ChiCom planes between Shanghai and Santu Bay, 25 mi north of Matsu.
- B. ChiComs seem intent on making ChiNat air recon costly, but thus far efforts largely unsuccessful, owing to lack of modern, height-finding radars along the coast.

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B. Other Fukien link projected to Foochow from Kueichi, on Chekiang-Kiangsi RR. Link to Amoy will apparently branch out from Nanping, midway between Kueichi and Foochow.

C. None of the Fukien rail construction expected to be completed before 1956.

III. Of five airfields under construction opposite Formosa, USAF expects Nantai (near Foochow) to be completed in June.

A. Three others--Lungtien (S of Foochow), Chingyang (NE of Amoy), and Swatow Northeast probably to be finished in September.

B. Lungchi (W of Amoy) ready in October.

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